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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BOZIZE'S CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA

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¶1. (U) Post reports below the letter of congratulations addressed to President-elect Barack Obama from Central African President Francois Bozize and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dieudonne Kombo-Yaya. The letter was first disclosed on public radio stations, and subsequently delivered to the Embassy.

¶2. (U) The letter follows a phone call from President Bozize to the Ambassador on the evening of November 5, in which the President offered his congratulations to the Ambassador on the successful completion of the election, as well as offering his congratulations to President-Elect Obama.

¶3. (U) Original Text:

Monsieur le President,

Votre si brillante et historique ilection comme 44e President des Etats-Unis d'Amirique me donne l'insigne occasion de Vous adresser, au nom du Gouvernement du Peuple Centrafricain et en Mon Nom Propre, mes vives et Chaleureuses filicitations.

Cette ilection est le timoignage iloquent de la rialisation du rjve de l'igaliti des hommes et de la rconciliation des Amiricains avec eux-mjmes sur cette terre du possible qui est Votre Grand et Beau Pays.

Elle constitue aussi pour nous, Centrafricains et Africains, une source d'espoir de voir le monde se rconcilier avec lui-mjme dans la securiti et la paix, afin de riviler les multiples difis de developpement auxquels il est confronti.

Trhs Haute et Amicale considiration.

Le Ministre des Affaires Etrangeres, De l'Integration Regionale et De la Francophonie  
Dieudonni KOMBO-YAYA  
(Signature)

President de la Republique, Chef de l'Etat  
Francois BOZIZE  
(No signature)

¶4. (U) Post Translation :

Mr. President,

Your very brilliant and historic election as 44th President of the United States of America gives me the opportunity to present to you, on behalf of the Central African People and on my own behalf, my warmest and sincerest congratulations.

This election is an eloquent testimony to the realization of the dream of the equality of men and of Americans' reconciliation with themselves, in this world of possibilities which is your Great and Beautiful Country.

It is for us as well, Central Africans and Africans, a source of hope to see the world reconcile with itself in security and peace, leaving revealed the multiple development challenges with which it is faced.

Highest and Warmest Regards.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, of Regional Integration, and of the Francophone World  
Dieudonni KOMBO-YAYA  
(Signature)

President of the Republic, Chief of State  
Francois BOZIZE  
(No signature)

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